

## RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

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### Wyoming Board of Agriculture Minutes June 10, 2004 Conference Call

Members Present: Alan Todd, President  
Helen Jones, Vice President  
Arlene Brown  
Reed Gardner  
Spencer Ellis  
Lee Otto  
Meghan Lally  
John Etchepare, Director, WY Dept. of Agriculture  
Ryan Lance, Governor Freudenthal's Office

Youth Leadership Advisory Board: Ryan Ells  
Emily Horton  
Leif Udem

Members Absent: Frank Galey, Dean, UW College of Agriculture  
David Largent

WDA Staff Present: Jim Schwartz, Deputy Director  
Muff Parker, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Todd at 1:05 p.m. on June 10, 2004.

#### **Drought Situation**

The board discussed the severity of the drought throughout the state and talked about the possibility of having the whole state declared a disaster.

#### **Conservation District Water Quality Grants**

Bobbie Frank discussed the 04-05 Biennium requested projects as reviewed and approved by the Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts. Crook County asked for \$20,000 and it was approved for funding once they resubmitted a new budget correcting a \$6 difference between the total request and the budget justification amount. Laramie County CD, Lincoln CD, Platte County RD, and Sheridan County CD all requested \$20,000 and were approved for funding. Washakie County CD requested \$9,800 and was approved for funding. Lower Wind River NRD also requested \$20,000 and was conditionally approved pending a detailed budget justification. Natrona County CD's request for \$20,000 was denied because most tasks in the grant appeared not to be directly related to the water quality impairment within the Kendrick area. The district was encouraged to revise the proposal to target water quality issues and resubmit. The total amount approved by WACD and presented to the Board for approval was \$129,800.

**Jones made a motion to approve the grant funding as presented by WACD. Seconded by Lally. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**Conservation District Name Change**

**Brown made a motion to approve the district name change from Lower Wind River Natural Resource District to Lower Wind River Conservation District. Seconded by Ellis. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**Conservation District Appointment**

**Brown made a motion to appoint Catherine (Jinx) Hilty to the position vacated by Ralph Streeter to the Crook County Natural Resource District. Seconded by Gardner. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**Changes to Competitive Grant**

**Otto made a motion to amend the 2001 grant for the Popo Agie Conservation District to allow the balance of funds to be used at the Luckey Pond. Seconded by Jones. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

**Brown made a motion to amend the 2001 grant for the Sublette County Conservation District to use the \$3,000 originally allocated for Water Quality Training for water quality analysis. Seconded by Jones. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Alan Todd, President

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Date

Attachments:

Attendance Sheet

Lower Wind River NRD name change request

Crook County NRD board appointment

04-05 water quality grant requests

Sublette County and Popo Agie Conservation Districts' grant amendment requests